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54 **A disposable incontinence garment or training pant.**

57 A disposable pant-like garment (2) for absorbing human discharge is provided, and comprises an absorbent assembly comprising a liquid-imperious outer cover (90), a liquid-pervious liner (88), and an absorbent medium (92) therebetween. The absorbent assembly also has generally opposite side edges and generally opposite end edges. A pair of stretchable side panels (6,8) are joined to each one of the side edges to form with the absorbent assembly a waist opening (10) and a pair of leg openings (12,14). A gathering means (46) is joined along at least a portion of each leg opening (12,14) for gathering that portion. The stretchable side panels (6,8) provide generally inwardly directed force vectors against a wearer to maintain the garment (2) snugly against the wearer's body (16) and the absorbent

assembly snugly in place against the crotch area both before and after a discharge.

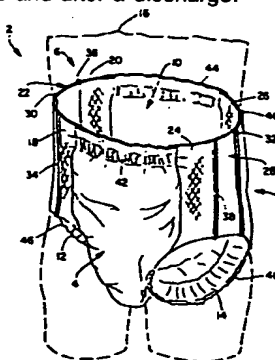


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